

RATIFICATION REQUIREMENT IN THE NOACA CODE OF REGULATIONS

**Governance Committee
August 23, 2019**

ACTION REQUESTED

No action is requested at this time. This item is for information and discussion only.

PREVIOUS ACTION

In May, the Governance Committee approved a motion directing the exploration of alternatives to the ratification requirement in Article IX of the Code of Regulations.

BACKGROUND

Several attempts to amend the Code regarding Board membership, but it failed because only four of the five counties would ratify the amendment.

Article IX of the Code states in part that:

- matters relating to Article IV of this Code of Regulations shall be altered, amended or repealed only upon written approval of each County of the NOACA area

BACKGROUND

Possible alternatives:

- Allowing automatic adjustment to board composition based on population as reported by the decennial census
- Allowing adjustment to board composition based on population as reported by the decennial census by action of a majority of the Board
- Limiting the ratification requirement to amendments to Section 4.2 only, instead of all section of Article IV
- Requiring approval of 4 out of 5 of the member counties for changes to Article IV or Section 4.2
- Permitting amendments to Article IV or Section 4.2 by action of a hyper majority of the Board (i.e., 80%), and eliminating the ratification provisions altogether

NEXT STEPS

Based on the Committee's input, staff will follow up as needed, including preparation of suggested amendments to be reviewed by the Committee and presented to the Board.



NOACA will **STRENGTHEN** regional cohesion, **PRESERVE** existing infrastructure, and **BUILD** a sustainable multimodal transportation system to **SUPPORT** economic development and **ENHANCE** quality of life in Northeast Ohio.

